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**THE  
WEST AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE.**



**Constitution, Rules,**

**Etc. (amended 1908), and**

**LAWS OF THE GAME,**

**(Amended 1906).**



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Midland Junction—A. Jamieson, Council  
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South Fremantle—P. Yeo, 57 Howard  
Street, Fremantle.

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Subiaco.

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## Recognised Associations Within the State, 1908.

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Secretary's Address.

ALBANY—

Albany.

BUNBURY—

Bunbury.

COLLIE—

Collie.

EASTERN DISTRICTS—

Northam.

GERALDTON—

Geraldton.

GOLDFIELDS—

I. J. BRETT, Kalgoorlie.

KATANNING DISTRICTS—

Katanning.

MURCHISON—

Cue.

NELSON—

Greenbushes.



## Recognised Junior Bodies.

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### W.A.F. ASSOCIATION—

Sec., Mr. R. Hannah, c/o Govt. Audit Office, Perth.

### SECOND-RATE JUN. ASSOCIATION—

Sec., Mr. O. Browne, c/o Calthrop Bros., Fremantle.

### THIRD-RATE ASSOCIATION—

Sec., Mr. S. W. Kenny, 30 Pilbarra St., East Perth.

### COLLEGES ASSOCIATION—

Sec., Mr. R. E. Burns, Christian Bros. College, Perth.

### COMMONWEALTH JUNIOR LEAGUE—

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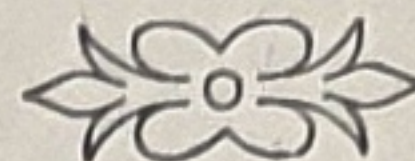
### YOUNG AUSTRALIA LEAGUE—

Ex-Scholars' Section, Perth Division. Sec., Mr. A. Coyne, 30 Wellington St., East Perth. Fremantle Division—Sec., Mr. W. A. Brown, Adelaide St. Fremantle.

Schools Section, Perth Division. Sec., address c/o Alcock's, Perth. Fremantle Division—Sec., address c/o W.A. Football League.

## WEST AUSTRALIAN

# FOOTBALL LEAGUE.



## CONSTITUTION.

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1. This body shall be called "The West Australian Football League." It shall have the entire control and management of all Matches.

2. All disputes arising out of such matches shall be settled by an Appeal Board.

3. The League shall consist of two delegates from each of the following Clubs:—East Fremantle, East Perth, Midland Junction, North Fremantle, Perth, Subiaco, South Fremantle, and West Perth.

4. The League reserves to itself the right to review the position of any Club or Clubs represented on the League, and by a three-fourths majority at a meeting specially called to exclude such Club or Clubs, and fill such vacancy or vacancies as it may think fit.



## RULES.

### Officers.

1. The Hon. Office-bearers of the League shall consist of a President (not a delegate), two Vice-Presidents, and a Treasurer, who must be delegates. They shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the League. Any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Office-bearers or Sub-committee shall be filled at the following meeting of the League. Two Auditors (not delegates) shall also be appointed at the Annual Meeting.

2. A Secretary shall be appointed annually by the League; remuneration to be determined by a majority of the members, who shall also have power to dispense with his services at a month's notice. The Secretary shall not be a member of the League, but will be required to carry out all the directions given at the meetings of the League and its committees, keep all necessary records. The Secretary shall obtain a Fidelity Guarantee Bond, of £100, premium to be paid by the League.

### Meetings.

3. The Annual Meeting of the League shall be held in the third week in March, a fortnight's notice of which shall be given by circular.

4. At all meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President, a Chairman shall be elected, who shall, in addition to his ordinary vote, have a casting vote.

5. Nine members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the League. On notice in writing being given to the Secretary of the League by the Secretary or delegate of any Club, a substitute for any delegate may be appointed for any particular meeting of the League.

6. The sense of every meeting of the League shall be determined by a show of hands unless a ballot be demanded.

7. All meetings of the League shall be called by not less than 48 hours' notice in writing from the Secretary to each delegate.

8. The League shall meet on Wednesday night in each week, till the 1st of June, and after that fortnightly. The Secretary shall call emergency meetings at any time throughout the year. (See Rule 7 as to notice). Meetings to be held alternately in Perth and Fremantle.

9. The Secretary shall call by circular a Special General Meeting to be held within seven days after receiving a written requisition, signed by not less than five Delegates, setting forth the object of such meeting.



### Protests and Charges.

10. All Clubs referring disputes, protests, or charges against Clubs or players to the League, or reporting any infringement of the Rules or Laws of the Game, shall forward particulars in writing, together with a fee of One Guinea, to the Secretary.

This must be lodged with the Secretary of the League for the time being within three days following the day on which the occurrence took place (Sunday to count), and it shall be obligatory on any Club which intends to prefer a charge or charges against a player or players to inform such player or players, or a representative of the Club of which such player or players are members, of such intention before leaving the ground at the conclusion of the match.

Umpires preferring charges against Clubs or players must do so within the above time, and, before leaving the ground on which such match took place, inform a representative of each competing Club ~~in writing~~ of his intention to prefer a charge or charges or make a report.

11. All protests, disputes, and charges against players or clubs shall be settled by an Appeal Board. Such Board to consist of three members independent of the League or any League Club, who shall be elected an-

nually. Clubs requiring the evidence of umpires shall pay their travelling expenses. The cost of any enquiry may be charged to the losing side.

12. The Secretary shall call meetings of the Appeal Board when necessity arises.

### Disqualifications.

13. Any player or paid official of the League abusing a delegate shall be dealt with under Rule 11. Delegates shall have the right to report any player or paid official of the League during the progress of any match for a breach of rules.

A Club expelling a player from its ranks shall forward within one week of such expulsion the name of such player, together with particulars of the offence for which he was expelled to the Secretary of the League. The player shall have the right to appeal to the League. No Club shall be allowed to play that man until his case shall have been finally decided by the League. Any player who shall have been disqualified by any League registered or recognised by the League shall not be allowed to play with any League Club until such disqualification be removed by the body which inflicted same, or by appeal to the League.

14. Each Club shall register its colors with the League, priority of registration to determine the exclusive right to wear such colors.



### Matches.

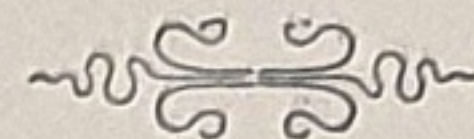
15. The Football Season shall commence on the first Saturday in May.

16 (a). A Permit and Umpire Committee, consisting of one delegate from each Club, shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting. Their duties shall be to deal with permits in accordance with the Rules of the League relating to permits and players, and appoint Umpires for all matches; the members of the Committee residing in Perth shall act as a Weather Committee for city grounds, and those residing in Fremantle shall act for all grounds in their district. In the event of unfavorable weather on the morning of the match, the Committees shall, not later than one o'clock that day, declare matches postponed. All matches so postponed shall be played on a day or days to be fixed by the League.

(b). All Club matches shall be arranged by the Permit and Umpire Committee (four to form a quorum), appointed in each year. The list to be submitted to the League for approval or amendment. A Club shall not play another Club unless with the sanction of the League.

(c). A bell or going shall be rung at 3.15 p.m., and the game started at 3.20 p.m. The Club not ready to start then shall be fined

One Guinea, and if not ready by 3.30 p.m. shall forfeit the match unless in every instance a satisfactory reason for the delay be given to the League, which has power to order that the match be played on a subsequent day, or otherwise to finally decide the matter. A bell or gong shall be rung at the proper time for the termination of the game.



### MATCHES FOR PREMIERSHIP.

#### First Round.

17. A round of fourteen (14) matches shall be played, each Club playing every other Club twice.

#### Second Round.

Clubs to be divided into two sections. Section A to consist of Clubs that are 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th. Section B of Clubs 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th in the first round. Each Club in Section A shall play each other once and each Club in Section B shall play each other once.

#### Third Round.

At the conclusion of the second round the first four Clubs on the list (taking the whole



of the wins and defeats for the season) shall play off for the premiership. The Club standing first to play the third, and the second to play the fourth on the list.

The winners of such two matches shall play off, and the winner of that match shall be awarded the premiership, except that in the event of any one or more of the Clubs competing in the third round having a better average on wins and draws for the season than the Club successful in this part mentioned, then such club, or if more than one the Club having the highest average on wins for the season, shall play such winning Club a final match, the result of which shall determine the premiership.

In all matches four points shall be counted for a win and two for a draw, and in the event of any Clubs tying at any time on premiership points, the position of such Clubs shall be determined by the proportion of points kicked for and against such Clubs. In the event of the final match ending in a draw such match shall be replayed.

### Nett Proceeds.

18. The nett proceeds of all matches shall be paid into the funds of the League, and be dealt with as follows:—Twenty per cent. to the League, five per cent. of which shall be devoted to a Suspense Account to be drawn

on only for extraordinary expenses incurred by the League. Five per cent. to be devoted to the Propagation Fund. The remainder shall be equally distributed amongst the Clubs forming the League, excepting in the final round, when the remainder shall be equally distributed amongst the four clubs competing in the final round. In the event of a "play off" match the nett proceeds, less usual League deductions, shall be equally divided among the clubs forming the League. Five pounds expenses to be allowed each of the competing teams in the play off.

19. A Finance Committee of three members shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting. Prior to placing the accounts before the League, the Treasurer must submit them to the Finance Committee for its approval. Each Club's Balance Sheet must also be submitted to the Finance Committee, signed by the Auditors, Secretary and Treasurer, not later than the 31st day of October in each year, together with vouchers for every item of expenditure of two pounds and upwards.

20. Clubs failing to comply with the last clause of Rule 19 shall be fined a sum of £1 for every week or part of week that balance sheet, vouchers, etc., as required by the rule, shall be overdue.



21. No Club shall be represented on any of the Committees of the League by more than one Delegate.

### Life Members.

22. The League shall have power to elect Honorary Life Members (not more than three annually), such memberships to be awarded to those who have rendered special service to the League or to the Game. Life members shall only be elected by a three-fourths majority of the whole League.

23. The Secretary of each Club shall notify the Secretary of the League one week previous to the Annual Meeting of the League of the appointment of its delegates.

### Club Finances.

24. Every League Club shall pay an annual subscription of £5 by two equal instalments, the first of such instalments to be paid prior to the first League match, and the second instalment to be paid on or before 1st July in each and every year.

25. No delegate shall be allowed to take his seat or take part in the proceedings (unless a satisfactory reason be given) until all moneys due by his Club are paid, and the detailed balance-sheet submitted to the League. Any Club neglecting or refusing to forward such balance-sheet and monies to the Secre-

tary of the League on or before the 31st day of October shall cease to be a recognised Club of the League. In a case of neglect, an explanation, if deemed satisfactory, shall be accepted.

26. Any Club represented on the League neglecting to pay its declared share of any loss that may arise, or call that may be made, within one month after due notice of such loss shall have been given or call have been made, by the Secretary, shall cease to be connected with the League, and shall be disqualified from any future representation thereon; but it may be re-admitted at any time thereafter by payment of the said loss or call and the annual fee.

27. The accounts of the League shall be audited in March of each year, and be submitted to a meeting of the League held prior to the Annual Meeting.

28. The Secretary shall receive all moneys on behalf of the League, and shall forthwith pay the same to the credit of the League into such bank as the League shall from time to time appoint.

29. The Secretary shall submit at the last meeting of the League in each month a statement showing the financial position of the League. No money shall be drawn out of the Bank on account of the League, save



by cheque signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary and Treasurer.

### Umpires.

30. In any match played between Clubs or under the control of the League, Field, Boundary and Goal Umpires shall be engaged by the League. Field Umpires shall be paid two guineas, Boundary Umpires ten shillings and sixpence, and Goal Umpires five shillings for each match at which they officiate. No Field, Goal, or Boundary Umpires shall be allowed to play with any League Club during the season in which he has received payment, unless his services have been dispensed with by the Umpire Committee.

31. Clubs, players, or delegates infringing any rule of the League or law of the Game, shall be dealt with as the League may think fit.

### Registration of Associations.

32. Associations may be registered with the League under the following conditions:—

- (a) Associations must be regularly constituted.
- (b) Must register, naming Clubs, each year.

- (c) At least three Clubs must constitute an Association.
- (d) A fee of One Guinea must be lodged with the applications of Associations.
- (e) Protests from registered Associations.—Unless both parties to the protest and the local Association are agreeable to refer disputes to, and abide by the decision of the League, they will not be entertained.

### Rescindments, &c.

33. No clause of the Constitution, or rule or resolution of the League shall be rescinded or amended without the concurrence of a majority of those present at a Special Meeting called for the purpose, of which 14 days' notice has been given.

### Professionalism.

34. Any player receiving payment directly or indirectly for his services as a footballer shall be disqualified for any period the League may think fit, and any Club paying a player either directly or indirectly for his services as a footballer, shall be dealt with as the League may think fit.

35. Any player who has either himself or through the Secretary of his Club, signi-



fied his willingness, and been selected to play in any interstate or other combined League match, and who shall either neglect or fail to play without having given twenty-four hours' notice at least to the Secretary of the League, shall, failing to satisfy the League as to his reasons for not playing, be liable to be disqualified during the pleasure of the League.

36 Any player or umpire who shall neglect or refuse to attend any Conference or other meeting of the League or Appeal Board to which he may have been summoned by not less than seventy-two hours' notice under the hand of the Secretary, in the case of a player, to the Secretary of his Club, shall be dealt with as the League may think fit.



## PERMITS TO PLAYERS.

### Regulations.

1. No player who has played with a League Club during the three seasons immediately preceding or during the season in which his application is made, shall be allowed to play with any other League Club unless he appears in person before and produces to the Permit Committee a Clearance

from the Committee of the Club he desires to leave, supplying particulars as required by the League permit form, and satisfies the Permit Committee as to the desirability of his permit being granted. The production of a clearance shall not apply to any League player who has not played within the period mentioned heretofore, but in every other instance the provisions of this regulation must be complied with. The Permit Committee shall have the power to review permits at any time. The decision of the Permit Committee shall in all cases be final.

2. Should a player be refused a clearance by the Committee of his Club (whether such Club be an Associated Club or any Club mentioned in Regulation 4), or by the Association of which his Club formed part, he shall have the right to appeal to the Permit Committee, and the Club or Association refusing to grant the clearance shall, on being notified by the Secretary of the League, appear before a Permit Committee to show cause why such clearance was refused; and if the Club or Association called upon neglects or declines to appear at the hour appointed, the Permit Committee may thereupon deal with the appeal.

3. A Club refusing a clearance to a player or the Club with which the player desires to play, may be represented on the Committee



considering the appeal, but shall not be allowed to vote.

4. Any player who has played during the season immediately preceding, or during the season in which his application is made, with any Club attached to any affiliated Association, shall not be allowed to play with any Club represented on the League unless he obtains a clearance from his Club and Association, and obtains a permit from the Permit Committee of the League. Any player who has played outside the period before mentioned shall obtain a permit from the Permit Committee of the League before being allowed to play with any League Club.

5. An umpire whose services has been dispensed with may be granted a permit on or before the first day of July.

6. Caretakers of cricket or football grounds having received permission each year, on or before the first day of July, from the Permit Committee, shall be allowed to play.

7. Any player from New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, and New Zealand, desirous of playing with a League Club in W.A., must have been a bona fide resident in Western Australia for at least twelve weeks immediately prior to the first day of July before

being allowed to play, and must produce a clearance from the Club or Association under which he last played, and if there be no Association, from the Club under which he last played; and if he should have within three seasons immediately prior to making his application for a permit, have played with an Association Club, he shall obtain a clearance from such Association Club, and obtain a permit from the Permit Committee of the League.

8. Any player from any district east of Southern Cross desirous of playing with an Associated Club, must have been a bona fide resident in or west of Southern Cross for at least twelve weeks immediately prior to the first day of July before being allowed to play, and shall obtain a clearance and permit as provided for in Rule 7, relating to interstate players.

9. In special cases the Permit Committee may dispense with the personal attendance of the player.

10. No permit shall be granted to a player applying to transfer from one League Club to another after the first day of June, and no other permit after the first day of July, except in cases that have not been finally decided upon by the Permit Committee. In such cases the Permit Committee shall have power to extend the time for



granting such permits, but all applications or appeals must be made on or before the above-mentioned times.

11. Any player obtaining a permit illegally, or playing in any way contrary to the rules regulating permits, shall be dealt with as the League may think fit.

12. Should the Permit and Umpire Committee decide at any time that any player of any Club represented on the Association should not be permitted to play with such Club, the said Club on receiving notice from the Secretary shall discontinue to play such player in its matches. Should a Club continue to play such player after receiving such notice it shall be dealt with as the League may think fit.

13. No player who has played with any Junior Association or League the executive of which meets within the boundaries of Perth or Fremantle shall be eligible to play with any associated Club, unless he satisfies the Secretary of the Club he proposes playing with that he is not liable to any junior body for moneys or property for the current season.

14. A player who has received a clearance from a senior Club to play with a junior team shall not be allowed during the season in which he obtains such clearance to play

with any associated Club other than the one from which he has been granted a clearance.

15. All applications for Permits must be made on the official form of the League, and accompanied by a clearance from the Club and Association or League with which the applicant last played.

### Residence Qualifications.

16. A person shall only be allowed to play with an associated Club in that district in which he is residing; for the purpose of this rule the Clubs under this League shall be divided into three districts, termed "Perth," "Fremantle," and "Midland Junction."

The "Perth" shall include the city of Perth and the whole of the surrounding suburbs of South Perth, Victoria Park, Leader-ville, Subiaco, North Perth, and Maylands.

"Fremantle" shall include the town of Fremantle, North Fremantle, East Fremantle, Cottesloe Beach, Cottesloe, and Claremont.

"Midland Junction" shall include the town of Midland Junction, Guildford, Bellevue, Bayswater, Smith's Mill, Mundijong, and Chidlow's Well.

The town boundaries shall be the dividing lines between districts.



Should a person reside outside the places mentioned in this rule, application shall be made to the Permit and Umpire Committee to determine the district in which such person is eligible to play.

Should any question arise which this rule does not make provision for, the Permit and Umpire Committee shall have power to hear and determine the question, and the decision of a majority of the Committee shall be final, but that right is not to be taken as extending the time provided for by Permit Regulation 11.

### Permit Form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a playing  
member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Football  
Club beg to apply for a clearance from  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Club to play  
with \_\_\_\_\_ Club.

My reasons for applying for a clearance  
are \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

The Committee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Club  
grants or refuses the clearance asked for  
by \_\_\_\_\_ for the following  
reasons :

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of the Committee,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman.  
Secretary.

## AUSTRALASIAN FOOTBALL COUNCIL.

### PERMIT REGULATIONS.

1 Any interstate or New Zealand player desirous of playing must have been a *bona fide* resident in the State for at least twelve weeks immediately prior to the first day of July before being allowed to play, and must produce a clearance from the controlling body under which he last played, and if there be no controlling body, the club under which he last played. This regulation, so far as it relates to residence, shall not apply to players transferring to New South Wales, Queensland, or New Zealand, but the other conditions of this regulation must be complied with.

2 That all applications for permits must be made on the official form of the Council and accompanied by a clearance from the controlling body of the State or Colony under which the applicant last played.



# LAWS OF THE AUSTRALIAN GAME OF FOOTBALL.

*As Revised by the Australasian Football  
Council, November 1906.*

1 The distance between the goal posts shall not be more than 220 yards, nor less than 150 yards and the width of the playing space not more than 150 yards, nor less than 100 yards, to be measured equally on each side of a line drawn through the centre of the goals. The goal posts shall be seven yards apart, of not less than twenty feet in height. Two posts shall be placed at a distance of seven yards, one on each side of the goal posts, and in a straight line with them. The intervening line between such posts shall be called the goal line. The ball to be used shall be not less than  $23\frac{1}{2}$  nor more than  $24\frac{1}{2}$  inches in circumference laterally, and not less than  $29\frac{1}{2}$  nor more than  $30\frac{1}{2}$  inches longitudinally. The ball to be approved by the field umpire.

2 Matches shall be played with not more than eighteen aside, unless where handicaps are conceded. Any team detected during

the progress of the game playing more than the number arranged for shall have all the points kicked prior to the detection of the same annulled. The field umpire shall have power at the request of either captain to stop the game and call the players into line at any time for the purpose of counting them. Previous to calling the players into line the field umpire shall notify the time-keepers, who shall make an allowance for the time so taken. In the event of a club commencing play with less than the number arranged for, that club shall be allowed to complete its number at any stage of the game.

3 The captain of each side shall toss for choice of goal. The players shall then take their proper positions on the field, and the game shall commence by the field umpire bouncing the ball in the centre of the ground. When a goal has been obtained the players shall again take their positions as above, and the ball shall be bounced in the centre.

4 All matches throughout the season shall be played twenty-five minutes each quarter. When one fourth, one-half and three-quarters of the time arranged for play have expired, the players shall change ends, and the ball shall be bounced in the centre of the ground as in Law 3. At half-time the players may leave the ground for not more than fifteen



minutes. Each club shall appoint a time-keeper whose duty it shall be to keep time, and ring a bell approved of by the controlling body, at the times indicated above. At the first sound of the bell the ball shall be dead, but in the event of a player having marked a ball before the bell has rung, he shall be allowed his kick, and should he obtain a goal or a behind from it, it shall be reckoned, provided no breach of the laws shall have taken place. A goal or behind obtained from a ball in transit before the bell has rung shall be reckoned. Should the ball be touched after the bell has rung it shall be dead.

5 A goal shall be won when the ball is kicked between the goal posts without touching either of them or any player after being kicked. A behind shall be won when the ball passes between the goal posts after being touched by any player or touches either of the goal posts, or is kicked or forced between the behind post and goal post. Should the ball touch a behind post it shall be out of bounds.

6 The side kicking the greatest number of points shall win the match. A goal shall count six points and a behind one point.

7 When the ball goes out of bounds, it shall be brought back to the spot where it

crossed the boundary line, and there be thrown in by the umpire towards the centre of the playing space. Immediately the ball leaves the umpire's hands it shall be in play. Should the ball drop out of bounds from a kick-off, a free kick shall be given to the opposite side at the spot where the ball went out of bounds. In case the ball is kicked behind the goal line by one of the opposite side (except when a goal is kicked, in which case the ball is bounced in the centre of the ground), any one of the side behind whose goal it is kicked shall kick it off from within any part of the space to be indicated by two lines running parallel in a straight line from the goal posts for a distance of ten yards, and a horizontal line at the end of the said distance joining the two parallel lines. Such lines be marked white. Should the ball be kicked off beyond such lines the ball shall be bounced on the white lines at the spot nearest where such infringement took place. No player of the opposing side shall be allowed to come within ten yards of the kick-off space when the ball is being kicked off from behind.

8 Any player catching the ball directly from a kick of another player not less than ten yards distant shall be allowed a kick in any direction from any spot behind where he caught the ball, no player being allowed



to come over that spot, or within ten yards in any other direction. In kicking for goal the player must kick over his mark. Should a goal be obtained from a free kick or mark it shall be reckoned, notwithstanding any infringement of the above law by an opposing player.

9 Should a player wilfully waste time the field umpire shall instruct the timekeepers to add such time on, and besides award a free kick to the opposing player nearest to the spot where the offence takes place. The offending player or players shall be reported to the controlling body, which shall deal with the matter. Should a player unduly interfere with a man while kicking for goal, he shall be reported to the controlling body.

10 The ball may be taken in hand at any time, but not carried further than is necessary for a kick, unless the player strikes it against the ground at least once in every ten yards. In the event of a player, with the ball in hand, trying to pass an adversary and being held by him, he must at once drop the ball. While being held if the player does not drop the ball a free kick shall be given to the man who holds him. If the player be deliberately held back or thrown after he has dropped the ball he shall be awarded a free kick.

11 If any player, when the ball is in play, wilfully kick or force it out of bounds, the umpire shall give a free kick to the nearest player of the opposing team from the spot where the ball went out of bounds.

12 The ball while in play shall under no circumstances be thrown or handed to a player. A free kick shall be given against the player infringing this law to the nearest opposing player.

13 Tripping, hacking, rabbiting, slinging, striking a player with either fist or elbow, throwing a player after he has made a mark, when the ball is out of play, or catching hold of a player below the knee, are prohibited. Charging a player when he is standing still or when in the air for a mark is prohibited. Pushing a player from behind or while he is in the air is prohibited under any circumstances. A free kick shall be given against the player infringing this law.

14 The controlling body shall appoint for each match a field umpire who shall have full control of the play, and shall inflict penalties in accordance with the laws. In cases of doubt and in scrimmages he shall bounce the ball where the occurrence took place. A player disputing the decision of an umpire, or unduly interfering with or assaulting, or using abusive, threatening, or



insulting language towards him during the progress of the game, or within or without the enclosure on the day of the match, shall be dealt with as the controlling body may think fit. A player assaulting another player, or using abusive, threatening, or insulting language, or otherwise misconducting himself during the progress of the game, or within the enclosure on the day of the match, shall be reported by the umpire to and dealt with as the controlling body may think fit.

25 The field umpire shall, prior to, and may at any time before the conclusion of a match, examine the boots of the players, and no one wearing projecting nails or iron plates shall be allowed to play until a change be made to the satisfaction of the umpire.

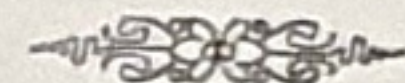
16 Two goal umpires shall be appointed for each match. They shall be sole judges of goals and behinds, and their decision shall be final, except in cases where the ball has become dead, either by ringing of the bell, or decision of the field umpire. Goals shall be indicated by two flags, and a behind by one flag. The goal umpire must, before raising his flag or flags to register a goal or behind, ascertain from the field umpire whether the ball had not been touched or any infringement of the laws had taken

place. A goal or behind given in accordance with the above cannot be annulled.

17 The goal umpires shall keep a record of all goals and behinds kicked in any match, and furnish a report to the secretary of the controlling body within three days.

18 The controlling body may disqualify players for any term who have been reported for breaches of the laws.

19 Should the field umpire appointed for a match before or during the progress of a game become incapable through sickness or accident to perform his duties, a substitute shall be appointed by mutual arrangement between the captains of the opposing sides, failing which any delegate or delegates present shall decide in the matter.



## BOUNDARY UMPIRES.

In matches where boundary umpires are appointed the following laws shall come into operation :—

1 Two boundary umpires shall be appointed for each match. The boundary umpire shall be sole judge of when the ball is out of bounds. He shall bring the ball back to the spot where it crossed the boundary line and immediately throw it in to the satisfaction of the field umpire.



2 The boundary umpire shall throw the ball from out of bounds not less than five yards, and not more than eight yards, towards the centre of the playing space, except when the ball goes out of bounds within twenty yards of either behind post, when the ball shall be thrown not more than five yards towards the playing space, and not less than ten feet high in all cases.

3 The boundary umpire shall signal to the field umpire when the ball is out of bounds by waving a white flag (to be attached to his wrist) above his head, and the field umpire shall immediately blow his whistle to indicate that the ball is out of play.

4 When the ball is in play the boundary umpire shall not encroach upon the playing space to in any way interfere with the play.

5 When the ball is repeatedly forced out of bounds at or about the same spot, the boundary umpire shall come in about five yards from the boundary line and bounce the ball, if directed by the field umpire.

6 Boundary umpires shall follow the ball from goal to goal and be always ready to throw in without delay.

7 That those parts of the laws of the Game imposing certain duties on the field umpire, and which will devolve upon the boundary umpires, be rescinded as far as regards the field umpire.

## DEFINITIONS.

1 A kick must be made direct from a player's foot or below the knee.

2 A drop kick is made by letting the ball drop from the hands on to the ground and kicking it the instant it rises.

3 A place kick is kicking the ball after it has been placed on the ground.

4 A punt consists in letting the ball fall from the hands and kicking it before it touches the ground.

5 A mark should be either given from a place, drop, or punt kick.

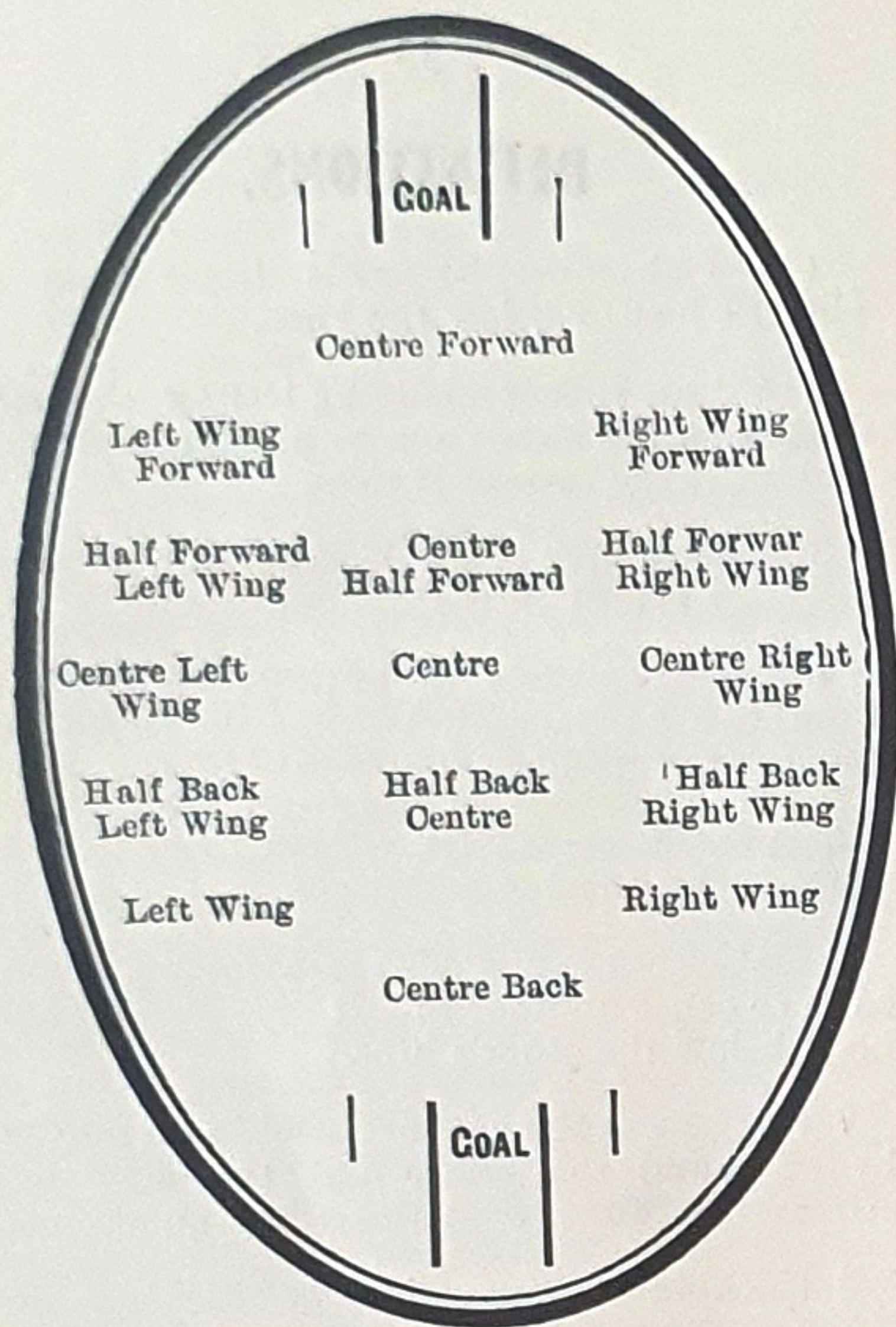
6 Rabbiting is one player stooping down so as to cause another to fall by placing his body below the other's hips.

7 Slingsing is the act of catching a player by or round the neck, and throwing or attempting to throw him to the ground.

8 Hacking is intentionally kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.

9 A free kick carries the same privileges as that of a mark.





This diagram shows the placed men. There are also two followers and one rover, who start from the centre at bounce of ball. Every man in his place has an opponent playing the reverse way.

## Add to Rule 17.

After "eligible to play"—"Nothing in the foregoing shall preclude players of clubs during 1906 or previous years from continuing as players with such clubs."

The terms "residence" and "residing" shall mean in any of the districts named for at least one month.



